

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kazuhiko MATSUMURA et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**

Serial No. NEW : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1003A

Filed July 29, 2003 :

**METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICALLY
ACTIVE β -AMINO ACID**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: